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PRESS BRIEFING, UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCE FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

FOR MRS. ELIZABETH HAGERTY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, STATE

1. BEGIN QUOTE GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. STARTING TOMORROW MORNING, JULY 1, THE PRODUCTS OF THE EXTENSIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES WILL COME TO THE PLENARY FOR FINAL ADOPTION. THE LASTING IMPACT OF THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION WHICH GUIDES THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS TO END DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX.

2. THE US DELEGATION TO THIS CONFERENCE REITERATES ITS FOREMOST GOAL, THE ADOPTION OF THIS WORLD PLAN OF ACTION. TOWARD THIS END, WE HAVE SPONSORED AND CO-SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS TO DRAW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE PARTS OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO GUARANTEEING FULL EQUALITY TO WOMEN AND TO THE PROCESS OF INTEGRATING WOMEN INTO ALL ASPECTS OF SOCIETY. THESE INCLUDE RESOLUTIONS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING, FAMILY PLANNING AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WOMEN EMPLOYED IN THE UNITED NATIONS PASSED ON SATURDAY.

THOSE TO BE CONSIDERED TODAY IN COMMITTEE II WERE OUR INITIATIVE
ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED AT OUR PRESS BRIEFING ON WEDNESDAY
AND WOMEN ON UN DELEGATIONS.

3. THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE US DELEGATION IN COMMITTEE I
DISCUSSING THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION HAVE BEEN TO STRENGTHEN
THE LANGUAGE OF THE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF WOMEN.
THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD HAVE BEEN UNITED ON THESE ASPECTS.
WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ATTEMPTED TO ADD THE WORD "SEXISM"
TO LANGUAGE OF THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION AND THE RESOLUTIONS.
IN EACH INSTANCE WE HAVE FAILED. HOPEFULLY, A RESULT OF THIS
EFFORT WILL BE A CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING OF THE UNITED NATIONS
ITSELF TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF THIS TERM FOR THE MORE TRADITIONAL
WORDING CURRENTLY IN VOGUE.

4. MANY OF THE AMENDMENTS SPONSORED BY THE US DELEGATION
AND OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED
IN THE DOCUMENT PRESENTED TO HELVI SIPILA FROM WOMEN OF THE
IWY TRIBUNE. THE WORK OF THE IWY TRIBUNE, ALTHOUGH UNABLE
TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FULL PLENARY, IS AND CONTINUES TO
HAVE AN IMPACT FOR WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SINCE THE
UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAS MADE AVAILABLE 5,000 COPIES OF THIS
DOCUMENT IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH, WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD
WILL BE ABLE TO INCORPORATE THESE IDEAS WITH THE WORLD
PLAN OF ACTION.

5. THE STRONGEST SECTION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NGOS
WAS THAT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. THE US DELEGATION
AGREES TOTALLY WITH THIS CONCEPT AS THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES
TO URGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WOMEN'S BUREAUS AND NATIONAL COMMISSIONS
TO MONITOR AND DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS OF INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR AS EXPRESSED IN THE WORLD PLAN OF ACTION.

6. OUR NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S YEAR WILL FOCUS ON THE US IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD
PLAN OF ACTION. THE COMMISSION, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF
35 PUBLIC MEMBERS AND 4 CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES, WILL
CONTINUE TO WORK WITH AN RECEIVE INPUT FROM OUR NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS ON THE PRIORITIES FOR ALL WOMEN IN THE UNITED
STATES. END QUOTE.
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